The Middle School Good Times

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ALL A HONOR ROLL

The first marking period results were available in time for conferences; in fact the report cards arrived two weeks before. After surviving the shocks ,good or bad, the list of honor roll names looks quite impressive. So impressive and lengthy that we will not print the whole list but confine ourselves to the all A categories.

For eighth grade, the list includes Leann Fooy, Theresa Guimond, Chris Heldak, Michele Herwick, Tammy Hiemstra, Kim McDowell, Tracey McNeil, Lisa Schincariol, Cynthia Vargas, Pam Woodhams, Paula Jones and James Turas.

For seventh grade , the straight A's belong to Mary Beth Banner , Todd Barkowich, James Chamberlin, Evan Jones, Kim Kirshman, Kim Krause, Amy Lossi, Anne Moore ,Mary Rumsey, Rhonda Silcott, Heidi Smith, Jennifer Triquet, Lauri Veldt, Jeanine Waite, and Carolyn Wilson.

The straight A's in sixth grade go to Brian Hall, Laura Howe, David Lean, Erin McCoy, Scott Maylath, Laura Moore, Rose Pierson, Leshun Terry, Billy Woodhams.

Congratulations to all who made honor roll.

ELECTIONS HELD

Student council elections are over and the new council is finally underway. The assembly on Oct. 19 included forty speakers, of which 20 were candidates. A lot of leadership is available and all the candidates deserve credit for being willing to believe enough in themselves to carry on a good campaign.

Each sixth hour elected on Oct. 23 a delegate and an alternate to represent them on the council.

The girls' tennis team finished a 3-1 season . They lost only once to"a powerful Sturgis team", according to Coach Crook. Many fine performances were seen on the courts this fall. Congratulations on a job well done.

SERBENSKI ELECTED PRES.

The new student council officers are Mark Serbenski, president, Theresa Guimond, vice-president, Ora Lee Gipson, secretary, Mindy Racette, treasurer, and Paul Higashi, ambassador.

The jobs of the council officers were defined in the assembly. The president will run the meetings, the vice president does special assignments for the president, and will take over for him in his absence. The treasurer is expected to keep track of the school's money. The secretary's job is to record and write notes during the council meeting. The ambassador reports to the principal the council's business and its requests.

promises, promises ...

And oh, those promises... Most campaign participants were promising such things as a drinking fountain for the gym,

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promises

more dances, fundraising , gym equipment, and uniforms. Much was promised that could conceivably be delivered. It promises to be a good year all around.

The assembly was closed by two speeches, one from Mr. Pefley, the middle school counselor who makes student council work, and another by Mr. Drury who spoke about how you shouldn't vote for a person just because he or she is the most popular and he spoke about assembly behavior.

yearbook begins

The yearbook is underway. Right now the staff has begun meeting with Ms. Lundquist to plan the 1980 book. One thing not mentioned perhaps in the campaign promises that has always been a sponsored item of the student oouncil is the yearbook. Inflation being what it is, the yearbook staff and the council have held fundraising events to offset the oost of the yearbook. The time for ordering a book will soon be upon us. We look to the student council to once again uphold its fine tradition of support for the yearbook.

is it worth it ?

Does 15¢ strike you as a lot of money for a newspaper? We need your opinion. In past years the council has often helped offset the everincreasing costs of printing the paper, costs which have almost tripled over the last three years. So we apologize for our price and ask for your ideas. We also invite you if you have comments, criticisms, complaints , or ideas to send them to room 103 or put them in Ms. Swanson's mail box. Better yet, feel free to stop in one evening when we meet.

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DEAR SAMANTHA,

Dear Samantha,

I have a problem. A lot of people are talking about me behind my back. I know some of the people doing it. What should I do?

Unknown

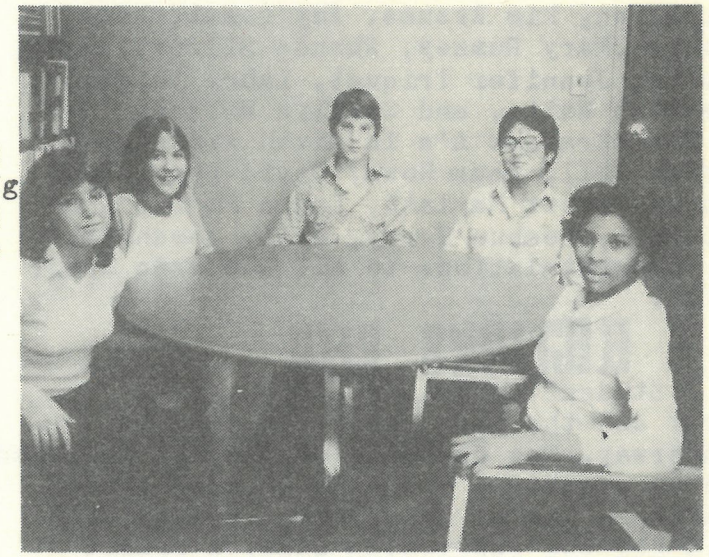
Dear Un,

That is a problem. The best thing to do would be to ignore them. If you pretend that it doesn't bother you maybe they'll just give it up. It should blow over soon. I really hope things improve.

love,
Sam.

p.s.- Make sure you don't stoop to their level.

SAM NEEDS MORE HELP TOO. SEND ME YOUR LETTERS. LEAVE THEM IN MS. SWANSON'S MAILBOX OR ON HER DESK IN ROOM 103. SHE'LL SEE THAT I GET THEM.



juicy morsels...

Wanted: one trombone player to go out with me.
Wanted: someone to do my algebra for me. Ugh!
Wanted: more trash for this column. Drop in Ms. Swanson's mailbox, room 103, or give to the editor.

Lost: my brain somewhere between math and English... reward offered for return.
Lost: my heart in San Francisco-please return.

Miscellany: congratulations to the new student council and officers.
Join the contest! Design the yearbook cover! Want a new name- one besides the Wappaw Jr.? The winning design will not only be put on the cover but also will be put on a T-shirt. Drop your designs off in Ms. Lundquist's room.
Attention: all cats - Ms. Swanson's room is offering free milk and grammar Monday through Friday.

Personals: Mike Burk is foxy.
Personals: Dawn Schlutter is a very nice person to have for a friend.

Thought for the day: only 49 shopping days til Christmas.

Have you ever noticed....
that every teacher you've ever met has seen someone's eye poked out by a pencil?
Have you ever noticed how you have never met a music teacher who hasn't literally seen someone choke to death on a piece of gum?

Trivia: in the olden days in some obscure country there used to be fights in which the opponents sat in chairs wearing spiked gloves and punched each other until he was dead. Shudder...
In Hawaii it is illegal to put pennies in your ears.

basketball

The basketball season for 8th graders has been a fairly good one so far. They have lost two games this season. We have two home games to go besides the tournaments. The tournaments are in Comstock.

j.t.

a+b = algebra

The middle school has a new class this year- algebra. Algebra is being taught by Mrs. Dobbs . Students in the class will be able to receive high school credit for their efforts.
Algebra is a branch of mathematics that uses letters and negative numbers as well as ordinary numbers.
Algebra is an enjoyable class and is full of new experiences.

j.t.

THE WAY IT WAS-1621

What is Thanksgiving? To find out, I interviewed a few veteran Pilgrims and Indians from the first Thanksgiving.
It seems that the Pilgrim colony suffered a severe winter (shortage of furnaces) after arriving from England on the Mayflower 747.
Spring brought planting time but the Pilgrims didn't know how to sow seed. They later met some Indians who showed them how to plant food.. well, seeds, actually. When fall arrived the Pilgrims harvested an abundant crop. They were so thankful for their good fortune that they took their new Indian friends to the Hiatt House for pizza. Later they stopped at the Sugar Bear for ice cream. They called it Thanksgiving. It became an annual celebration that is still carried on today, even in less privileged communities which don't have pizza places and ice cream parlors.
The turkey also associated with Thanksgiving comes from a comment made by one of the Pilgrims to another who suggested they celebrate by making pie out of pumpkins rather than from pizza. That comment was "don't be such a turkey . Who would make a pie from a gourd anyhow?"
And that's the way it was in 1621.

r.h.

eet paul, mindy, theresa, oralee

The new council officers were asked a number of questions by our roving reporters.

Paul Higashi told our reporter that he "hopes to not be selfish to the sixth and seventh graders" and "to fix up the school with new bleachers, drinking fountains"and so forth.

His hobbies are motocross and snowmobiles. He thinks the student council is important in that it helps organize some of the projects of the school.

Ora Lee Gipson plans to improve the student council "as much as possible. I want the people to know my thoughts as well as any other people's . I hope this year is the best yet for 8th as well as 6th and 7th."

Her hobby is playing basketball. "I like the outdoor life also," she says, "but don't get me wrong; indoors isn't so bad."

"My value to student council is to do my best at every subject that comes up. That should be everyone's goal on the student council," states Ora Lee.

Mindy Racette is the treasurer. She states her plans for the council include "helping bring new ideas, and raising the biggest balance of money ever."

She enjoys as interests and hobbies boys, dancing, gymnastics, food and spending money .

The new treasurer is happy and surprised to be elected and says she has wanted to that sort of job for a long time and is glad she finally got the nerve. She feels the best part of the student council is being able to represent the students' ideas and help make decisions for the school.

Theresa Guimond hopes to " help improve the school and fulfill the school's and people's needs." Her interests are horses and basketball. As far as a future career, Theresa isn't sure but she says" maybe a cook at middle school to improve possibly these lunches!"

She feels the most important job of council is" making sure that the best interests are in the interest of the school and the people in it."

Mark Serbenski's views as president will be included in our next issue.

(Mark, please see our editor or Ms. Swanson...sometime this month. Thanks!)

to be or not be famous ?

If you could be any famous person who ever lived, who would YOU be?

Michele Herwick said" Charlene Tilton.. no comment," Hmmm.
Patty Ross said"Kristy McNichol so I could live with Jimmy."
Debbie Haefner thinks she'd be "Snoopy since I've got the face for it."

Audray Hudson would be " Susan B. Anthony. She had power." Kim McDowell would be "Irving Johnson. He plays good basketball."

Mrs. Chavoya would be"herself." Mrs. Sherburn would be "Farrah Fawcett because she's skinny." Mrs. Maxwell said "Cheryl Ladd. She has it all." Mindy Racette thinks she'd be "God." Then she'd be in control.

Mrs. Dobbs would be " the little mouse in the closet." Kelle Maxwell said "Loni Anderson because she is pretty." Mr. Erickson would be "Red Skelton because he has brought happiness to so many people." Mr. Dyer too would like to be "Red Skelton"because he likes his character.

Penny Kelly thinks she'd be a "clown" since she likes the way they act. Renee Counterman would like to be" Fonzie since he's cool." Karen Buck would like to be "Mary Ann" because"she's cute." Kim Krause would be "Scott Baio because he's a fox."

Mrs. Pfister and Mrs. Kovach would not change a bit. They both said they'd be themselves. Crystal Oliver would be "Christy McNichol." Shelly Sides said "Shaun Cassidy." Mr. Ruesink would be "Toulouse LaTrec"so he could find out what it's like to be short.

Who would you be?

Boys. Don't forget to get your physicals taken care of and on file with Mr. Erickson by Nov. 29 if you want to be on the wrestling team or the basketball team.

INTERVIEWS AGAIN

A tradition with the Good Times has been our faculty interviews so with this issue we will continue that only without the old format.

We interviewed this month Mrs. Pfister who teaches writing lab and Mrs. Jacher who teaches home ec. and English.

When Mrs. Jacher was attending school here, originally it was a school for grades kindergarten through twelfth. This was the only school building in town. There was no school bus. They had a choir then and they had a study hall. The desks in the study halls were attached to the floor. The chairs had arms on them and that was the desk.

All the furniture back then had been made in Jackson prison.

Mrs. Jacher has been in Paw Paw 20 years. She says "my father was the janitor when I went to school.; therefore I couldn't misbehave."

"Many of my students are now mothers and fathers of my more recent students" says Mrs. Jacher. She also told this reporter that the home ec. room used to be the special education room.

Mrs. Pfister also attended the school when it was a school for kindergarten through twelfth grade. Later on she graduated from Paw Paw and returned to teach here. She has taught English and social studies in previous years, besides her present job as a writing lab teacher.

She enjoys teaching very much. Her hobbies include camping, garddening, reading and occasionally she relaxes in front of the television.

m. c.. & r.h.

How was your halloween? Write and tell us of the grisly experiences you had. Drop them in room 103 or in Mrs. Swanson's mail box.

TODD TO TOAD!

Well, I started out the front door with a black coat, five masks, and two bags. I began with the house acrossed the street. Just when I rang the doorbell, two Doberman came rushing after me barking and showing their teeth. Naturally I ran... about a block from <u>that</u> house.

I tried another house. Ding dong.

I rang the bell. An old lady opened the door. "Trick or treat" said I.

The old lady invited me into her house. When I got inside I looked around and in the middle of the room I saw a great big pot with a wooden spoon sticking out of the middle. She sat down on a stool next to the pot and started to say all kinds of weird words like "woomba noomba ..."

I couldn't help but feel that it was time for me to leave so I got up. She grabbed me and forced me to sit by the pot. She pulled out a glass from th pot, filled with purple and green guck. She lifted her ugly face and looked at me. "Drink," she said.

So... I drank it. Instantly I regretted that move! I felt weird. I shrank. I hopped over to the mirror and looked at myself.

I saw a green toad. No doubt about it. I saw a toad. And that is how my name was changed from Todd Bartholomew to Toad Bartholomew!

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